

**PSSB 5187** - S COMM AMD TO S-2499.2/23

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By Committee on Ways & Means

1 On page 268, line 38, increase the General Fund-State  
2 Appropriation (FY 2024) by \$500,000.

3 On page 269, line 1, increase the General Fund-State  
4 Appropriation (FY 2025) by \$500,000.

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6 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

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8 On page 278, after line 3, insert the following:

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10 "(30)(a) \$500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for  
11 fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 of the general fund-state appropriation  
12 for fiscal year 2025 is provided solely to implement a technology-  
13 based kindergarten readiness program for children that reside in rural  
14 areas.

15 (b) For purposes of this subsection, a technology-based  
16 kindergarten readiness program is a program that meets all the  
17 following criteria:

18 (i) Is designed to improve a child's transition into elementary  
19 education and contains content in reading, math, and science;

20 (ii) Meets the American academy of pediatrics screen time  
21 recommendations for young children;

22 (iii) Is aligned to Washington state early learning and  
23 development guidelines and nationally recognized early learning  
24 standards, such as the head start early learning outcomes framework;

25 (iv) Is administered by a 501(c)(3) organization and provided in  
26 the student's home;

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1 (v) Provides a computer or home internet service, or both, for  
2 low-income families, as needed;

3 (vi) Includes a parental engagement and involvement component,  
4 with support models provided in English, Spanish, and other languages  
5 as needed; and

6 (vii) Includes an evaluation component with measures for student  
7 academic growth over the course of the program.

8 (c) The department shall award the contract on a competitive basis  
9 to a service provider that is a 501(c)(3) organization that  
10 demonstrates previous success conducting technology-based school  
11 readiness programs through independent, valid, and reliable  
12 evaluations.

13 (d) The department shall require the service provider to:

14 (i) Provide for a computer or home internet service, or both, for  
15 low-income families, as needed for participation in the program; and

16 (ii) Submit regular reports to the department, which contain  
17 measures for student participation and academic growth over the course  
18 of the program."

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EFFECT: Provides funding to implement a technology-based  
kindergarten readiness program for children that reside in rural  
areas.

EXPENDITURE EFFECT (2023-2025): \$1,000,000 Near General Fund-  
State/\$1,000,000 Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT: \$2,000,000 Near General  
Fund-State

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